

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following Groups:

- I. Claims 1-22 and 25-29, wherein independent claim 1 is directed to a method for handling database locks, and other independent claims 12 and 25 recite similar limitations in a computer-readable media and a database system respectively; and

- II. Claims 23-24 and 30-34, where independent claim 23 is directed to a method for checking a database administrator authentication, and other independent claims 24 and 30 recite similar limitations in a computer-readable medium and a database system, respectively.

Applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-22 and 25-29, without traverse. Accordingly, the Applicant has cancelled claims 23-24 and 30-34 (Group II) without prejudice and has elected to begin prosecution with examination of claims 1-22 and 25-29.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned counsel at (650) 838-4367 to arrange for such a conference. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees, including fees for extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-2207 (Attorney Docket No. 42841-8005.US01). This paper is being filed in duplicate.

Should you have any questions, the undersigned can be reached at (650) 838-4367.

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